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1. The building administration at the East German Ministry of the Interior ordered that civilian workers employed on the Rügenhafen project be gradually replaced by convicts who were to be quartered at the Glöwen convict camp for which 5,000,000 Eastmarks were allocated.<sup>1</sup>
2. On 27 April 1953, Deputy Minister President Heinrich Rau inspected the Rügenhafen project to gather information on the present employment of convicts.<sup>2</sup> A total of 800 civilian workers were given notice by Bau Union Nord on 28 April 1953, although neither Rau nor the building administration at the Ministry of the Interior had planned their dismissal by Bau Union Nord. Rather, the government had planned to employ these civilians for Bau Union Fuerstenberg, when they had been replaced by convicts and, therefore, were no longer needed on Rügen Island.<sup>3</sup> At a conference held at the building administration at the Ministry of the Interior on 29 April 1953, this early discharge of the civilian workers by Bau Union Nord was discussed between Rau and State Secretary Wilfrid Mayer, head of the building administration at the Ministry of the Interior.

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1. Comment. Another report indicated that the convicts, who arrived at Sagerd and subsequently were transported to the Glowe convict camp on 20, 23 and 25 April 1953 numbered respectively 700, 500 and 250. [redacted] 25X1A
2. Comment. Another report confirmed Heinrich Rau's presence on Ruegen Island, stating that he was in Juliusruh on 22 and 27 April 1953 and was accompanied by State Secretary Mayer. [redacted] 25X1A
3. Comment. Large elements of Bau Union Fuerstenberg were employed on building work for Eisen-Huetten-Kombinat Ost (Iron Mines Combine East) (EKO) in Fuerstenberg on the Oder River.

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